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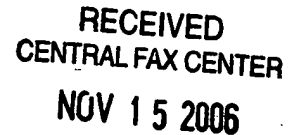
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**APPLICATION NO.:** 10/822,926  
April 13, 2004

**Title:** Raw Cotton Linters Composition, Method of Making, and Uses Thereof

**Our Ref:** DKT 10277  
**Inventors:** Gillette, Majewicz, & Sau

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Group I, claims 1-22 or drawn to a composition comprising a loose mass of comminuted raw cotton linter fibers, classified in class 162, subclass 95;

Group II, claims 23-40 drawn to a process of making a composition comprising a loose mass of comminuted raw cotton linters, classified in class 162, subclass 194 plus;

Group III, claims 41-96 drawn to a process making an ether derivative, classified in class 536, subclass 124.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed in Group I, II, and III are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group III, claims 41-96.

Since the Applicants have provisionally elected Group III, the Office Action requires that an Election of Species is required.

Applicants hereby elect (a) carboxymethylcellulose (CMC) as the cellulose species for prosecution on the merits.

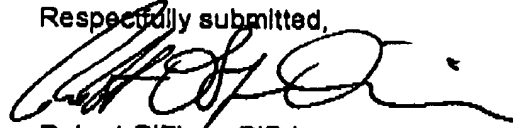
Applicants respectfully submit that claims 41-50, 56-66 and 94-96 are all claims which are readable upon the elected cellulosic species.

Applicants hereby reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims contained in this specification.

This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time, extending the period of response until November 15, 2006.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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